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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 10 July 2024 for information regarding spending on vaping products. You requested:

“Just wondering whether I can be provided figures on how much money has been spent on vaping products over the last five years? I would like to know a breakdown on how much it has been each year, and in what regions?”

This response is prepared under the assumption that your request is for the revenue received by retailers, manufacturers and importers of vaping products.

Your request as it relates to the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

Retail, importation and manufacturing sales information is currently only available for the 2022 calendar year, as this was the first-year businesses were required to submit this information to the Ministry of Health. Returns are required for each calendar year, to be submitted to the Ministry of Health ordinarily by 31 January the following year.

Your request as it relates to the 2022 calendar year is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available. You can view annual sales returns from specialist vape retailers for 2022 on our website here: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco-products-regulation/information-retailers-notifiable-products/vaping-product-annual-returns/vaping-product-returns-2022.

Your request as it relates to the 2023 calendar year is declined under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available on the Ministry website. 2023 sales returns are currently still being analysed and prepared for publication. We are working to publish these by the end of September 2024.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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